



The Parish of
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Lord Jesus Christ the King: YEAR A
26th November 2023

HELL IS NOT GOD'S CREATION

We all know and believe that Jesus will

'come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.'

We affirm that belief each week when we pray the Creed.

But it is possible that we have not thought deeply enough about the meaning of this final Judgment.

For example, we know that God is infinitely merciful.

But in today's Gospel, Jesus welcomes some people into his eternal Kingdom, but others go off to eternal punishment.

It is hard for us to understand fully how God's mercy can go together with eternal punishment, but we can understand it partially.

Today's Gospel passage can help us.

When Jesus addresses the first group of people, the ones entering heaven, he says to them: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father..."

But when he addresses the second group, the ones entering eternal punishment, he says to them: "Depart from you, you accursed."

Notice how the blessing received by the first group came from God ("blessed by my Father"), but the curse received by the second group did not ("accursed").

The second group purposely and freely chose to live their earthly lives egocentrically. They didn't enter into a friendship with God, because they didn't want the lifestyle of love and self-giving that goes with it.

For their entire lives they resisted and rejected God's many invitations - the voice of conscience, the teachings of the Church, the example of believers, the lives of the saints, the beauties of creation.

They freely chose to live separate from God.

Now, after lives like that, would it be merciful for God to force them to spend eternity in his presence? No - it would be cruel.

Hell is not God's creation, it is the creation of those who feely and consistently choose to live without God.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023

So that we may better prepare ourselves and plan our festivities, please see the Mass times for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord 2023

SUNDAY 24th December: Christmas Eve		
4.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annunciation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Spirit
6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annunciation
8.00pm	Mass during the Night	Annunciation
MONDAY 25th December: Christmas Day		
8.00am	Mass at Dawn (<i>SAID</i>)	Annunciation
9.30am	Mass during the Day	Annunciation
11.00am	Mass (during the Day) <i>IN LATIN</i>	Annunciation
No 5.00pm Mass		

WARM SPACES AND LIFE LUNCHES

Warm spaces and Life Lunches at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield every Tuesday. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits served from 10.30-2.00. Homemade fresh soups served from 12.00-1.30.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Saturday 9th December 2023 11am - 2pm

Annunciation Church, Parish Centre

We are still seeking volunteers to bring traditional Christmas food to the event and as always, a call to arms to all our wonderful bakers within the parish to donate cakes and sweet treats!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Centre during 10am Mass for all primary school children (and younger with an adult) every Sunday until 17th December. Just follow the Catechist as we process out from Church and know where to return to your family at the Offertory. More details are on the parish website, see parish groups.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: FRIDAY 28th JUNE – 4th JULY 2024

Bishop Ralph invites you to join him on the 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Booking forms are available to download at www.hallam-lourdes.com.

Enquiries **01302 247910** or **07724 650066**.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

On Sunday 26th November after the 10am Mass there will be a meeting for any/all our Young Catholic families within the Parish.

The aim is to bring our young parents/families together to discuss the joys and challenges of living out the Catholic Faith in our modern post COVID society, and to develop ideas how we can best support each other in this effort.

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donations are urgently needed to help support aid workers providing vital humanitarian aid including food, water, medical care and emergency shelter to those in need. Donations can be made via the parish website (under the *News* menu) or via the contactless terminals in the Annunciation Church. Please continue to keep those affected by this crisis in your prayers.

ST WILFREDS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

Please see the poster at the back of church with suggestions for the St Wilfred reverse advent calendar 2023

PIETY STALL.

The Piety stall is stocked with Christmas items from the sisters at Kirk Edge as well as boxed Christmas cards, Missals and 2024 Diaries

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

There will be a morning of recollection and training for Extraordinary Ministers on Saturday 27th January 2024 10.00 – 12.00noon. Please make a note in your Diary!

TRUSSELL TRUST FOODBANK APPEAL CHRISTMAS 2023

The list of items is at the back of Church for you to take away and return to Church before the end of November for distribution. All donations will be gratefully received.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

YOU ARE CHOSEN AS THE BELOVED OF GOD: A RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Journey with us over a series of 4 retreats as we live the “Life of the Beloved”, dwell in God’s love, experience healing and go forth to give life to others.

The first retreat day will be on the 2nd December 9am-5pm at St Joseph’s Convent Chesterfield.

For more information please contact maryjohnfdc@gmail.com

MARYS MEALS BACON BUTTIES

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. A total of £155 was raised for Marys Meals.

JUMBLE SALE Next Saturday 2nd December

If you have any donations, especially clothes, or if you would like to help out please contact Chris on 01246 229517

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Each Sunday following 10.00am Mass, teas and coffees will be served in the Annunciation Parish Centre Please do join us. Any help is greatly appreciated - if you would like to help out please let us know.

Let the children Live

The error caused by Barclays Bank has now been corrected and the charity’s account has now been reopened. Any standing order payments to them from the 8th November should have been received okay so only those from the 1st to 7th November are affected. If you have been donating to them by standing order within those dates and have received a credit equal to your donation please try to make an extra payment to make up for the one returned in error. Do this by online banking if you can; otherwise please send a cheque to Let the Children Live. If you have any queries check out their website or call Pauline Allen, the administrator, on 01302 858369

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS AND BAPTISM CERTIFICATES.

If you require a Baptism certificate in order to complete your child’s admission form then please email your request with the child’s name, date of birth and approximate date of Baptism to annunciationchesterfield@gmail.com .

NB: Applications to Catholic Schools by those in the admissions category do not require a letter of support from a priest- the certificate is all that is required.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p>Monday 27th November</p>	<p>11.00am Annunciation</p> <p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Funeral Service of Gladys Dooher</p> <p>Pam Zasada</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th November</p>	<p>9.30am Holy Spirit</p> <p>12.00 noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Holy Souls</p> <p>Catenian Mass for deceased brothers</p>
<p>Wednesday 29th November</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p> <p><i>6pm until finished</i></p>	<p>Requiem Mass for Kieran Kevin Lawless</p> <p><i>Confessions</i></p>
<p>Thursday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Famiglia Pezzuto e Famiglia Rosella</p>
<p>Friday 1st December</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Robert Langen</p>
<p>Saturday 2nd December</p> <p>VIGIL MASS</p>	<p>11.00am Convent</p> <p><i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i></p> <p>5.00pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Private Intention</p> <p><i>Rosary and Confessions</i></p> <p>Joseph Flanagan</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd December</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent: Year B</p>	<p>8.30am Annunciation</p> <p>10.00am Annunciation</p> <p><i>3.00pm Annunciation</i></p> <p>5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p>Repose of the Souls of Thomas and Ellen McGough</p> <p>Don Curnow</p> <p><i>Polish Mass</i></p> <p>The People of the Parish</p>

YOUR COLLECTION OFFERING

Are you Giving in Cash?

Could you give that amount with your Debit Card using the Contactless machines at the Back of Annunciation Church?

Even better by weekly or monthly Standing Order?

Please be aware that if you are eligible for Gift-Aid, you only need to enter your details in the contactless terminals once, thereafter they will be remembered and applied every time you donate using the same card. Similarly, if you're in a rush, you can enter your Gift-Aid details in the terminals or via the parish website at any time and any previous donations will have the Gift-Aid applied.